

AN ACT

relating to the establishment of a pilot program in Harris County to provide maternity care management to certain women enrolled in the Medicaid managed care program.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter B, Chapter 531, Government Code, is amended by adding Section 531.0996 to read as follows:

Sec. 531.0996. PREGNANCY MEDICAL HOME PILOT PROGRAM. (a)

The commission shall develop and implement a pilot program in Harris County to create pregnancy medical homes that provide coordinated evidence-based maternity care management to women who reside in the pilot program area and are recipients of medical assistance through a Medicaid managed care model or arrangement under Chapter 533.

(b) In developing the pilot program, the commission shall ensure that each pregnancy medical home created for the program provides a maternity management team that:

(1) consists of health care providers, including obstetricians, gynecologists, family physicians or primary care providers, physician assistants, certified nurse midwives, advanced practice registered nurses, and social workers, in a single location;

(2) conducts a risk-classification assessment for each pilot program participant on entry into the program to

1 determine whether her pregnancy is considered high- or low-risk;

2 (3) based on the assessment under Subdivision (2),
3 establishes an individual pregnancy care plan for each participant;

4 and

5 (4) follows the participant throughout her pregnancy
6 in order to reduce poor birth outcomes.

7 (c) The commission may incorporate financial incentives to
8 health care providers who participate in a maternity management
9 team as a component of the pilot program.

10 (d) Not later than January 1, 2015, the commission shall
11 report to the legislature on the progress of the pilot program. The
12 report must include:

13 (1) an evaluation of the pilot program's success in
14 reducing poor birth outcomes; and

15 (2) a recommendation as to whether the pilot program
16 should be continued, expanded, or terminated.

17 (e) The executive commissioner may adopt rules to implement
18 this section.

19 (f) This section expires September 1, 2017.

20 SECTION 2. If before implementing any provision of this Act
21 a state agency determines that a waiver or authorization from a
22 federal agency is necessary for implementation of that provision,
23 the agency affected by the provision shall request the waiver or
24 authorization and may delay implementing that provision until the
25 waiver or authorization is granted.

26 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1605 was passed by the House on April 25, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 133, Nays 3, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 1605 on May 23, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 132, Nays 12, 2 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 1605 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 20, 2013, by the following vote: Yeas 30, Nays 1.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor